

The Sanguinist

Voice of CATHOLIC ACTION

Saint Joseph's of Indiana COLLEGEVILLE,
INDIANA



FOR THOSE WHO WILL SEE . . .

The Sanguinist Bulletin reprints here a statement of the National Organization for Decent Literature. It is a clear expression of what is actually happening all about the Catholic College Student today. Surely, having once read and understood, no intelligent Catholic can deny the implications, or fail to see why there is need of strong Catholic Action men, organized to hold back the flood of irreligion quietly stealing over them.

"That the moral standards of our people are on the decline will be conceded by everyone who will compare today not with last month, nor last year, but with, say thirty years ago, especially in relation to such social problems as divorce, birth control, lewd literature, harmful amusements, female attire, venereal diseases, sex excesses among the young, etc.

"Thirty years ago divorce was more or less loathed by the American public, resulting often in social ostracism of the divorcee. Today it is taken as much for granted as marriage, and in many of our large cities applications for the dissolutions of the marriage bond are now as numerous as applications for marriage licenses...

"Thirty years ago a motion picture in which a divorcee played a leading role would probably not have been patronized, while today no complaint is registered against the actress under thirty years of age who has not had three or four husbands.

"Thirty years ago motion pictures were clean enough for the entire family. Today, even though the Legion of Decency has brought about a great reform, pictures must be classified so that parents may know which ones their children may not attend—and even which ones are unfit for them.

"The majority of scenario writers are those who became popular by writing those novels whose principal appeal was to the salacious-minded.

"Thirty years ago there was very little lewd literature circulated and none of it exposed publically to view on newsstands. Today 200,000 racks literally teem with magazines which violate every standard of decency, many of which must be carted from the publisher to agencies throughout the country by freight and by truck because they offend

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Most Rev. J. B. Bennett, D.D.
Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana
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Rev. Joseph F. Scheuer, C.P.P.S.
St. Joseph's College
Collegeville, Indiana

Dear Father Scheuer:

The Sanguinist Club for Catholic Action at St. Joseph's College is hereby mandated to Catholic Action according to the requirements for such clubs.

I am very much pleased that such a club has been organized under the direction of the Fathers of the Precious Blood and ask Almighty God to bless their work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† J. G. Bennett

Bishop of Lafayette in Indiana

Not 'My' But 'Our' Sacrifice

The more catholic a Catholic becomes, the less does he assist at Mass; the more he participates in the Mass. The more catholic a Catholic becomes, the more he realizes about the wonderful mysteries actually present in the Holy Sacrifice; the more he loves them, the more closely he wishes to identify himself with them.



The more catholic a Catholic becomes the more he realizes that Christ is the mediator of all men; that no man can go to God, to heaven, to happiness, except through Christ. He will also realize more and more fully, that as a Catholic, because of the presence of grace within his soul, he is a member of Christ along with all men living and dead, who share this sanctifying grace.

In the Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus Christ, head of this mystical body and Eternal High Priest, catches up in Himself all of this grace-transformed humanity, and offers it in union with the Body and Blood of His Person to the Heavenly Father, a "clean oblation."

Try to imagine, if you can, how efficacious our puny personal acts of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, all our daily little crosses, joys really become when we, "this holy people, this chosen priesthood, this purchased people", offer sacrifice acceptable to God through Christ. How much more pleasing and acceptable to God are we when united in Christ, "supporting one another in charity", than as mere individuals.

Accordingly, when we participate in the Mass, we are not just so many persons; we are in the company of the entire assembly of the Mystical Christ, for we "persevere in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; one body and one spirit." Our prayers and offerings are not just our own isolated, selfish offerings; they become the prayers and offerings of the one Mystical Christ, "for if any member suffer anything, all the members suffer with it; or if any member glories, all members rejoice with it."

The Mass means everything to us! The Mass is our very life! For even throughout the long, tiresome day we remain just what St. Paul tells us we are in virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation—"a holy priesthood, a chosen people, ready to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ," by participating in Our Sacrifice at every moment of the day wheresoever it is being celebrated by the One Mystical Christ. "Whatever you do, do all by Christ, with Christ

and in Christ," for "Jesus has an everlasting priesthood—able at all times to save those who come to God through Him, since He lives always ready to make intercession for us."

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even our lax postal laws. In every state of our nation save one, there exists rigid laws against the publication, the distribution, the sale and purchase of such literature, but few officers of the law will ever enforce these ordinances except under pressure of an aroused public opinion.

"Moral filth is circulated even among children through pamphlets and leaflets, distributed surreptitiously, but gratis, and, therefore, evidently designed to demoralize the little ones. The new comic-strip magazines which have a sale of 10,000,000 monthly, are published, in large part, by men who have connections

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POISON IN PRINT

It's sometimes fascinating to stand outside a shop window and watch flies buzzing around one of those saucers full of poison. They will hover over the dish, light quickly on the rim, walk slowly to the edge of the liquid. "—yum, yum"—the taste is wonderful. Then they try to buzz away.

They drop to the floor. Then, plop! Dead. Just a couple more flies fooled by sweet smelling poison.

Books, papers, magazines can do the same thing to your mind. They look sweet, feel sweet, but even while holding the reader spellbound, they are filling his mind with a venom which can eventually paralyze his power to reason and make him the slave of someone else's evil.

Hitler's books did just that to millions of people. So did the writings of a lot of other devils in the flesh. So do they still.

That's exactly why we Catholics have a list, an index, of forbidden books; that's why we have Catholic books and Catholic papers and magazines to warn us of evil, poisoned, books and magazines. These latter are dangerous. They read

very nicely taste very sweet to the mind; but, the Church has drawn a skull and crossbones on their covers.

"You are normal now", she says, "and if you want to stay that way you'll keep away from these written poisons. They are not fit for anyone to read. They are most certainly vile and rotten. Hands off!"

This means they have been carefully examined by men especially trained in logic and philosophy, by men a whole lot smarter and more aware than we: men who can smell bad reasoning a whole chapter ahead. Sure they know more than we do! They ought to. They have given their lives just to this kind of work—as good doctors and lawyers and statesmen have given their lives to their work and its faithful accomplishment. A fellow would be a presumptuous fool to act contrary to their judgements.

So we can save ourselves a lot of mental agony by observing the cautions of the Church against bad reading—it's a good fence around an intellectual no-man's land.

FIRST FRIDAY

February 6th

Every St. Joe Man A Communicant

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with lewd magazines and they are believed by many to be a "build-up" for the patronage of the latter after a few years.

"Phonograph records reproducing vile and immoral songs and strip tease movie shorts for "stag" entertainment have a large rental circulation.

"Thirty years ago nudist colonies, strip tease performances and fan dancing at night clubs were unknown. There

were no picture magazines devoted to the exploitation of intimate scenes for the entertainment of the sex minded.

"In that day the public would not tolerate a nude picture on bill-boards, in the daily newspaper, on calendars, while today all this is commonplace. We all remember the evolution of the bathing suit.

"It was not long ago that the American visitors to Paris was shocked at performances given at the Folies Bergere. But today, if he were half clean-

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This Is Catholic Action

Catholic Action consists not merely of the pursuit of personal Christian perfection, which is, however, before all others its first and greatest end, but it also consists of a true apostolate in which Catholics of every class participate, coming thus to be united in thought and action around those centers of sound doctrine and multiple social activity, legitimately constituted and, as a result, aided and sustained by the authority of the Bishops.

—Pius XI

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mind, he would be much more shocked at the worse exhibitions which appear in most of our large cities..."

"We hardly note the change of the times, the change in the mental attitudes of parents and youths, when we watch them from day to day, but when we compare the character of books and magazines sold and widely read today with those that were sold to a more limited clientele thirty years ago we are amazed at the change in the attitudes of the people—gradually cultivated away from loftier standards.

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What's With The Relief

The Sanguinist Club is glad to report that over four hundred dollars will be turned over to NFCCS relief headquarters in Washington, D. C., from the citizens of PUMAVILLE.



The Sanguinists were campus representatives for the regional sale of chances on a Chrysler Town-Country Sedan which will be raffled on February 8th at South Bend. The proceeds from the raffle, \$400.00 of which comes from St. Joe, will be turned over to collegians who are trying to get ahead under conditions of extreme poverty in the halls of learning in Europe.

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Attend Mass Daily

College Chapel

6:00, 6:25, 7:00:, 7:30

Section Meeting of

Sanguinist Club

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 P.M.

Science Hall 137

Second Semester Program.

New Members Welcome.

WE'RE FOR—

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places about the right things.

WE'RE AGAINST—

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chiselers, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Gripping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

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